



Plenary sitting

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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

with request for inclusion in the agenda for a debate on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law

pursuant to Rule 144 of the Rules of Procedure

on Human rights situation in Afghanistan, in particular the persecution of former government
(2023/2881(RSP))

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on Human rights situation in Afghanistan, in particular the persecution of former government (2023/2881(RSP))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 144 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. Whereas Taliban forces have persecuted former police, army, government and intelligence officials since taking control of the country in 2021; whereas, since then, UNAMA has documented at least 800 human rights violations against former government officials and ADFS members, including extrajudicial killings, enforced disappearances, arbitrary arrests and torture; whereas Alia Azizi, former head of women's prison in Herat, disappeared in October 2021 and her whereabouts remain unknown;
- B. Whereas widespread human rights violations persist; whereas, in particular, the Taliban's systemic and institutionalized violations of the human rights of women and girls may amount to crimes against humanity on the grounds of gender persecution and be characterised as gender apartheid;
 1. Strongly condemns the human rights violations committed against former Afghan government officials and members of the ADFS; calls on the de facto authorities to fulfil their obligations under international human rights law by preventing further violations, holding perpetrators accountable and ensuring reparations to victims and their families; calls on the de facto authorities to fully uphold the declared general amnesty;
 2. Strongly condemns the devastating regression of women's rights and the broader human rights situation in Afghanistan; urges the de facto authorities to reverse restrictions on the rights of women and girls in line with Afghanistan's international obligations;
 3. Expresses grave concern about the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan, which disproportionately affects women and drives oppressive and violent practices, such as forced and child marriage, economic and sexual exploitation, the sale of children and body organs, forced and child labour, trafficking and unsafe migration;
 4. Condemns the disastrous legacy of decades of international intervention and illegal occupations, including by NATO, which have led Afghanistan to its present circumstances; reiterates its support for the ICC investigation into the international crimes committed by all parties to the conflict in Afghanistan; calls on the EU and its Member States to support this investigation and ensure that the ICC has the necessary resources to carry it out;
 5. Welcomes the extension of UNAMA's mandate;
 6. Welcomes the fact that the EU continues to follow the UN recommendations to

implement the humanitarian exemption to international sanctions against Afghanistan in order to facilitate the delivery of humanitarian aid; calls on the EU to increase its contribution to humanitarian assistance for Afghanistan;

7. Calls on the EU facilitate the safe and legal resettlement of Afghans at risk, including by increasing the granting of humanitarian visas, particularly on the basis of gender persecution; calls on the EU Member States to support the application of the Temporary Protection Directive for Afghans seeking international protection; calls on the EU to ensure that Afghan migrants and refugees are protected against refoulement and mistreatment;
8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the VP/HR, the governments and parliaments of the Member States, the de facto authorities of Afghanistan, the ICC, the UN and NATO.